

What is claimed is:

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- 1 1. An Internet accessible communication apparatus comprising:
2 a controller for commanding a server to transmit parking lot occupancy data
3 corresponding to at least one parking lot through the Internet to a remote display
4 device, said parking lot occupancy data capable of being reproduced by the remote
5 display device as a real-time representation of the parking lot indicating at least
6 locations of vacant parking spaces within the parking lot.
 - 1 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said controller commands the server to
2 transmit parking lot occupancy data corresponding to a plurality of parking lots.
 - 1 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the real-time representation indicates
2 locations of occupied parking spaces.
 - 1 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the real-time representation indicates
2 locations of reserved parking spaces.
 - 1 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the real-time representation is a textual
2 listing.
 - 1 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the real-time representation is a graphical
2 map.
 - 1 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the real-time representation is a video
2 image.
 - 1 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the real-time representation is an Internet
2 Web page.
 - 1 9. A communication method comprising the step of:
2 transmitting parking lot occupancy data corresponding to at least one
3 parking lot through the Internet to a remote display device, said parking lot occupancy
4 data capable of being reproduced by the remote display device as a real-time
5 graphical representation of the parking lot indicating vacant and occupied parking
6 spaces within the parking lot.
 - 1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein parking lot occupancy data corresponding
2 to a plurality of parking lots is transmitted.
 - 1 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the real-time representation indicates
2 locations of occupied parking spaces.
 - 1 12. The method of claim 9, wherein the real-time representation indicates
2 locations of reserved parking spaces.
 - 1 13. The method of claim 9, wherein the real-time representation is a textual

